

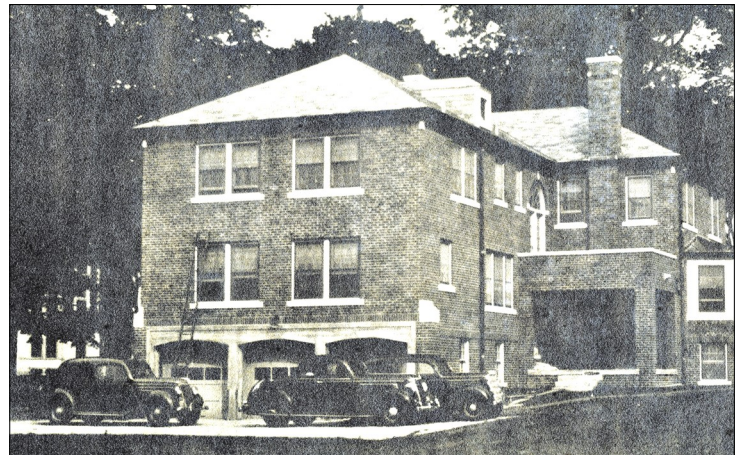
TODAY AND YESTERDAY

A COLLECTION OF RECENT DISCOVERIES AND
ACTIVITIES IN THE IHM ARCHIVES

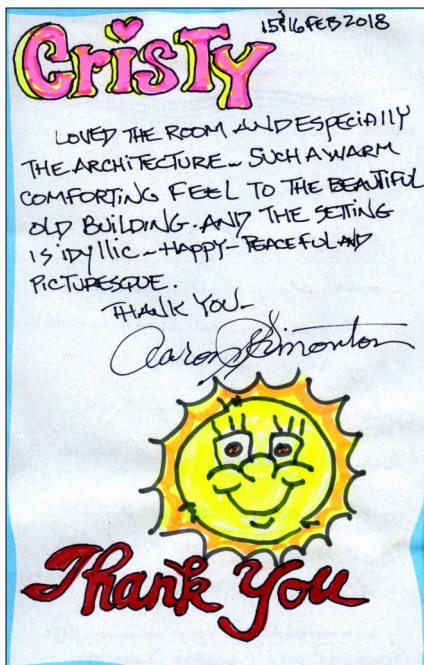
Remembering River House as next iteration begins

The story goes that Monsignor Walter Marron, chaplain for the Sisters, felt the walk from the rectory next to St. Mary's Church to the new Motherhouse campus—a bit less than a half mile—was too long. The solution: Build a new house for priests across the street from the Hall of the Divine Child.

In 1936, the Sisters and Monsignor Marron split the \$38,500 cost to build a sturdy brick home with beautiful wood paneling, hardwood floors, stained glass and bedroom suites with private baths. It was set at a angle on W. Elm Ave. to maximize views of the River Raisin. He lived there 30 years until he retired.



Above, the downstairs living room. Below (left to right), IHM Associate Ann Hungerman and Sisters Audrey Bushell and Marietta Murphy.



A note from a grateful guest

For the 60 years following, the house has had different names, most recently River House and the IHM Spirituality Center. But its main focus and function have remained the same: hospitality, spirituality and residence.

Many Sisters have fond memories of living, working or gathering there. Many visitors and guests found it a gracious oasis for reflection, renewal and rest.

Now with the departure of Cristy Smith Kerin, coordinator since 2015, the house becomes a home again for IHM Sisters and Associates.



Call for photos:

The photo files of the IHM Archives are *not* picture perfect. While we already house thousands of photos—and use many each year—we lack more current photos and digital images. Sisters can fill these gaps! Baby and family pictures and those from pre-retirement days are welcome, but Sisters are active for years after retirement. Photos showing you in later ministries, work and activism are precious. Vacation photos



Sister Therese LeBlanc in Greece

showing you in favorite locales or groups of Sisters just having a good time together are ones we hope to get.

You can give them to the Archives or loan them to us so we scan and return them. If all or some of your photos are digital now, never fear. Call and we'll work out a way that you can share them with us.

And a final plea: Please include as



Sister Judith Bonini with Pastor Heather Boone



Sister Val Knoche working in food distribution

much information as possible. That is, who is in the photo? Where was it taken? When? Context?

Call Archivist Jennifer Meacham in-house at 695. And as always, Sister Gail Addis can assist you with photos or any other items destined for the Archives. Reach her at 423 (home) or 308 (office).

Thank you in advance for sharing your treasured IHM memories. We could not do what we do without you!

Seeking Sisters' photos is not a new phenomenon

Loretta Cavanaugh of Toledo, Ohio, and four of her biological sisters, made the trip north to attend St. Mary Academy. Something about Loretta must have said “vocation” because Bishop John Foley gave her the name Sister Mary John while she was still in high school. She graduated in June 1897. That’s when this beautiful photo was taken.

Unfortunately, it appears to be the only photo we have of Loretta, who entered the novitiate in 1899, eventually and officially becoming Sister Mary John.

For her Remembering in January 1947, Sister Theodosia Drawe wrote this:

“God had given her a rare gift—a phenomenal contralto voice which she used always for His honor and glory. She sang almost to the end of her life. Obedience kept her in the music department at the Motherhouse during the whole of her religious career of almost forty-five years.”

While photographing Sisters was a concession rarely granted for many decades, how lovely it would be to see, even once, Loretta Cavanaugh in the blue habit of Sister Mary John.



New in Archives: SMA promo ad from 1879

People who love history also love to share it. We recently received a note (near right) and a 2-inch-by-2 1/4-inch newspaper clipping advertising St. Mary Academy. The ad ran Aug. 14, 1879, in a newspaper 125 miles north of here. SMA was growing rapidly in those decades. A new brick Academy building opened a few months later.

*Hello St. Marys Archivist,
I am a member of the
Clinton Co. Historical Soc
in St. Johns, MI and came
across this ad in our local
newspaper from 8-14-1879,
the Clinton Independent.
I thought you might like it.
Several communities in
Clinton Co, Westphalia,
Wauconda and Fowler,
were and are predominantly
Catholic -
Alice Murphy*

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Particular attention is paid to Plain and Ornamental Needle work, free of charge.
For further particulars apply for Prospectus.
Address, **MOTHER SUPERIOR.**

Revisiting the poetry of IHM Sisters

“Jesus went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white.”

“Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, how good is it to be here. Let us set up three tents ...’”

I cannot set up a tent for God is always someplace else.

In

children—needing skills

adults—the compassionate Word of God

elderly and poor—to have their dignity re-affirmed

painful events and decisions

conflicts and partings

heart changing insights

loyal friendships

prayer, sacrament, and scripture

deep joy and gentle peace.

I cannot set up a tent. I am on a transforming journey that ends on the mountain of God.

— Alys Carrier, IHM

Among Ourselves



This 1972 photo was taken in Puerto Rico where these Sisters were teaching at the Academia de Santa Teresita in Santurce. The Sisters, what they were doing in 1972 and the number of years they were in Santurce are (left to right) Anne Marie Hughes (English, one year), Teresita Nazario (Grades 7-8, 18 years), Ida Therese McGinty (teaching, 16 years), and Marie-Esther Haflett (math department head, six years).

The IHM Archives seeks to preserve any and all materials that document the history of the IHM Sisters. Please contact the Archivist if you have items to donate or have questions about the types of items appropriate for the collection.

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